

**Consideration of Change in Approval Status
From Conditional to Full Approval
McLennan Community College in Waco, Texas
Associate Degree Nursing Education Program**

Summary of Request:

Consider the proposed change in approval status for McLennan Community College (MCC) Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Education Program in Waco, Texas, from Conditional Approval to Full Approval based upon review of the preliminary 2019 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate and compliance with Board Rule 215.

Historical Perspective:

- Rebecca Griffin, MSN, RN, has served as the ADN Program Director since April 2017 and meets all qualifications set forth by Board Rule 215.6 *Administration and Organization*.
- The NCLEX-RN® pass rates for the past six (6) years are provided in the table below:

NCLEX Examination Year	BON Approval Status	NCLEX-RN® Examination Pass Rate	Number of First Time Candidates (Passed/Total)
2019	Conditional – recommend Full Approval	Preliminary 87.72%	50/57
2018	Conditional	76.47%	208/176
2017	Full with Warning	77.88%	195/279
2016	Full	64.04%	223/315
2015	Full	86.96%	230/304
2014	Full	87.78%	254/308

- Due to the 2016 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate of 64.04%, the Program Director and faculty were required to submit a Self-Study Report (SSR) in 2017 that would evaluate factors that may have contributed to the graduates' performance on the NCLEX-RN® examination and a description of the corrective measures to be implemented.
- Despite efforts to correct areas for improvement, the pass rate for 2017 was 77.88% and the program's approval status of the MCC ADN Program was changed to Full with Warning at the January 2018 Board Meeting and the Board issued a requirement for a survey visit.
- Board staff conducted a focused survey visit on September 19-20, 2018. The Board formally accepted the report of the survey visit to the McLennan College ADN Program at the October 2018 Board Meeting.
- Due to the continuing noncompliance with Rule 215 due to NCLEX-RN® pass rate and areas needing correction, the program was placed on Conditional Approval at the January 2019 Board Meeting.
- When programs are on Conditional Approval, they are prohibited from enrolling new students.

- MCC has made improvements to their program of study over the past two years that have significantly improved the performance of students.

Rationale for Staff Recommendations:

The program has demonstrated a preliminary pass rate for first-time candidates of 87.72% on the 2019 NCLEX-RN® examination and is currently in full compliance with Rule 215. The pass rate is designated “preliminary” since the Program Summary Report with all student names has not yet been provided to the Program Director, but no additional students are expected to be included in the results. The change of approval status will allow the admission of new students. Though the Board usually addresses approval status changes for professional nursing education programs at the January Board when the previous year’s pass rates are officially reviewed, Board Staff recommend removal of a Conditional status at an early date. This action removes the severe penalty of not being able to admit new students to the program.

Staff Recommendations:

Move to change the approval status for the McLennan Community College Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Education Program in Waco, Texas, from Conditional Approval to Full Approval based upon review of the preliminary 2019 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate and compliance with Rule 215, as indicated in the attached letter Board Order (Attachment #1).

October 24, 2019

Rebecca Griffin MSN, RN, Director
Associate Degree Nursing Education Program
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Dear Ms. Griffin:

At the October 24-25, 2019 meeting, members of the Texas Board of Nursing (BON) discussed the approval status of McLennan Community College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in Waco, Texas, based upon review of the preliminary 2019 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate and compliance with Rule 215.

Based upon the discussion and review of information, it was the decision of the Board to change the approval status of the McLennan Community College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in Waco, Texas, from Conditional Approval to Full Approval as indicated in the attached Board Order. Congratulations on this achievement and the opportunity to move forward.

If you have any questions or if we may be of any assistance, please contact Board Staff at gayle.varnell@bon.texas.gov or 512-621-5179.

Sincerely,

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN
Executive Director

Copy: Dr. Johnette McKown, President
Accrediting Commission for Education in Nursing

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

ORDER OF THE BOARD

In the Matter of
McLennan Community College
Associate Degree Nursing Education Program
In Waco, Texas

A public meeting of the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, was held on October 24, 2019, 333 Guadalupe, Tower II, Room 225, Austin, Texas, to consider the approval status of the McLennan Community College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in Waco, Texas, pursuant to Section 301.157, Texas Occupations Code and 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 215, based upon review of the preliminary 2019 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate and compliance with Rule 215.

After review and due consideration of the files materials, as well as the presentation by representatives from the McLennan Community College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in Waco, Texas, and other interested parties, if any, the Board hereby CHANGES the approval status of McLennan Community College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program in Waco, Texas, from CONDITIONAL APPROVAL to FULL APPROVAL.

Entered this 24th day of October, 2019

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN
Executive Director
On Behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing